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PACIFIC STUDY GROUP - DECEMBER MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 December - Korea

Room 212, Russell Senate Office Building

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Discussion Session on Korea

- Advantages/rationale of 2nd Division withdrawal
  - ROK Force Improvement Plan
  - Reinforcing South Korea during a worldwide war
- Impact of withdrawal on Asian perceptions of U.S. commitment to Asia
- Nuclear proliferation in Northeast Asia
- Economic balance and defense industries
- U.S. diplomatic options/dialogue between North and South Korea/North Korea's long-range strategy and policies.

Participants:

Mike Armacost, OSD

[redacted] CIA (nuclear proliferation expert)

BGEN Pat Graham, OJCS

[redacted] NSC

Bob Rich, State--Presenter

[redacted] CIA

There will be three introductory presentations for this session. First, Mike Armacost will briefly discuss re-evaluations of the military balance in Korea. Bob Rich will then make the main presentation on the discussion topics. Last, [redacted] will make a brief presentation on nuclear proliferation in Northeast Asia. During this session, classified information to the TOP SECRET level may be presented.



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Wednesday, 13 December - Southeast Asia, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf  
Room 212, Russell Senate Office Building

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Briefings on:

- Political and military situation in Indochina (CIA/State)
- U.S. relations with countries in Indochina
- ASEAN -- U.S. policy (State)
- Philippines -- status of base negotiations (State/DOD)
- Indian Ocean sea lines of communications (SLOC) vulnerability and Soviet threat to Persian Gulf oil sources (DOD)

The State Department has agreed to coordinate these four briefings with DOD and CIA. About one-half of the time allocated to each briefing will be available for questions from the Study Group. During this session, classified information to the TOP SECRET level may be presented.

Thursday, 14 December - Preparation for Asia Trip  
Room 212, Russell Senate Office Building

- 10 a.m. - 12 noon      Tentative meeting with Zbigniew Brzezinski
- Administration positions on Northeast Asia issues and Philippines base negotiations.
  - Areas to pursue and to avoid with foreign governments
  - Likely questions by foreign governments

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